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TO EXAMINE CANALS

Committee Appointed To Visit Lake Okeechobee

THE DRAINAGE QUESTION

Canals Have Lowered Water In Lake Several Feet.

The proposed drainage of the Everglades with Northern capital and Florida enterprise has attracted the attention of the whole country to the Land of Flowers. The reclamation of that vast area of swamp, and its utilization in the cultivation of cane will cause an influx of immigration that will be beneficial to the entire State.

The Tallahassee correspondent of the Jacksonville Times-Union and Citizen has the following interesting communication in Monday's issue of that paper:

Away back in the eighties—in the days of the Disston Company—efforts were made to drain the Everglades by digging canals to drain the Okeechobee lake in the hope of reclaiming thousands of acres for sugar plantations. Among the canals cut was one from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee river.

As soon as the effect of these canals conducting water down through the Caloosahatchee country began to be felt and observed, the people commenced to complain that the canal was turning too large a volume of water into that country, overflowing great tracts of valuable lands. These complaints have continued until the board of trustees of the internal improvement fund took up the matter, and appointed Hon. B. E. McLin, Commissioner of Agriculture; Hon. A. C. Croom, Comptroller, and Hon. J. B. Whitfield, State Treasurer, a committee to visit that section, examine into the matter pro and con, as some of the complainants wanted the canals closed up, while others did not.

Some persons contend that these canals have lowered the waters several feet in Lake Okeechobee, and desire that they be made deeper so as to further reduce the water in the lake.

The committee left today for Fort Myers, where it will enter upon the important work assigned it by the board. As the digging of these canals has cost vast sums of money, and since the work of drainage is to be continued, there is a spirit of general opposition to obstructing said canals, and a general desire that they rather be made deeper by blowing out a ledge of rock at the confluence of the canals with the natural basin of the lake.

THE CITY TICKET.

Large Crowd Turned Out Last Friday Night.

The municipal campaign in Tallahassee was "short and sweet," resulting in a return of the present incumbents, except Councilman Randolph, who positively declined to make the race.

On January 10, Chairman J. A. Edmondson, of the City Democratic Committee, issued a call for a mass meeting, and this was the extent of the campaign.

The meeting was called to order Friday night, by Mr. Edmondson, who stated that the object of the gathering was for the nomination of candidates for mayor, tax collector, tax assessor, city clerk, city treasurer and four city councilmen.

Hon. Bartow B. Wilson was placed in nomination for permanent chairman and Paul Lang for permanent secretary. There being no opposition, they were elected by acclamation.

Judge George P. Raney placed in nomination the name of W. D. Wilson for re-election to the office of tax collector. Hon. Fred T. Myers nominated W. H. Chancey for tax assessor, and A. H. Williams for clerk and treasurer. No opposing candidates were brought forward, and the above gentlemen were nominated by acclamation. They have all served the city faithfully and well in the respective capacities, and deserve re-election.

The contest for the mayoralty was quite interesting. R. B. Gorman's re-election being opposed by R. J. Evans. The balloting was very exciting, and a large vote was polled. The result of the contest was: Gorman, 119 votes; Evans, 94 votes.

For councilmen, J. A. Edmondson, A. C. Spiller and Julius Ball were re-elected without opposition, receiving 188, 193 and 189 votes respectively. Councilman Randolph refused to accept a re-election, and Messrs. Harris Levy and R. J. Phillips were candidates. The vote stood Phillips, 127; Levy, 104, the former being the choice of the meeting.

The ticket as nominated is:
For mayor—R. B. Gorman.
For tax assessor—W. H. Chancey.
For tax collector—W. D. Wilson.
For clerk and treasurer—A. H. Williams.

For councilmen—J. A. Edmondson, A. C. Spiller, Julius Ball and R. J. Phillips.

CITY COMMITTEE NAMED.

Hon. Bartow B. Wilson, chairman of the Democratic mass meeting held last Friday night, who was empowered to select the city Democratic executive

committee for the ensuing year, gives out the following:

Tallahassee, January 20.—In pursuance of the authority conferred by the primary meeting held on the 17th instant, I name the following as members of the city Democratic executive committee:

- 1.—J. A. Edmondson.
- 2.—W. L. Wight.
- 3.—C. G. Myers.
- 4.—S. C. James.
- 5.—L. E. Cohen.

B. B. WILSON,
Chairman primary meeting of Democratic voters city of Tallahassee.

A BRIGHT BOY GONE.

Little John A. Henderson Died Saturday, Aged Three Years.

Master John A. Henderson, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Henderson, died Sunday, January 19th, at the home of the parents on Adams street, after an illness of several days. Little John was a particularly bright boy, his precociousness being noticed and commented on by all. His untimely death is a severe blow to his parents, who have the sympathy of the entire community. The following beautiful lines in memory of the little fellow were sent to The Tallahasseean Monday morning by a relative:

In memory of little John A. Henderson, age three years; died January 19, 1902.

"Another little spirit has gone
Where the faded flower shall freshen,
Freshen never more to fade;
Where the shaded sky shall brighten,
Brighten never more to shade;
Where the sun-blaze never scorches;
Where the star-beams cease to chill;
Where no tempest stirs the echoes
Of the wood, or wave, or hill;
Where the morn shall wake in gladness,

And the moon the joy prolong;
Where the daylight dies in fragrance
'Mid the burst of holy song—
Where no shadow shall bewilder;
Where life's vain parade is o'er;
Where the sleep of sin is broken,
And the dreamer dreams no more;
Where the bond is never severed—
Partings, claspings, sobs and moan,
Midnight waking, twilight weeping,
Heavy noontide—all are done;
Where the hidden wound is healed;
Where the blighted light re-blooms;
Where the smitten heart the freshness
Of its buoyant youth resumes;

Where the love that here we lay
On the withering leaves of time,
Shall have fadeless flowers to fix on,
In an ever spring-bright clime;
Where we find the joy of loving,
As we never loved before;
Loving on, unchilled, unhindered,
Loving once and ever more.
Where a blasted world shall brighten
Underneath a bluer sphere,
And a softer, gentler sunshine
Shed its healing splendor here;
Where earth's barren vales shall blossom,

Putting on their robe of green,
And a purer, fairer Eden
Be where only wastes have been;
Where a King in kingly glory,
Such as earth has never known,
Shall assume the righteous sceptre,
Claim and wear the heavenly crown."
A RELATIVE.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Letters patent have been forwarded by Secretary of State Crawford to the Florida Tie and Lumber Company, of Jacksonville. The nature of the business to be transacted by the corporation is to buy, sell and lease lands, to erect turpentine stills and naval stores plants, and to buy and sell naval stores, cross ties and lumber, the manufacture of products, and to transact all matters pertaining to naval stores, cross ties, lumber and saw milling business.

The capital stock of the company is \$250,000, divided into 2,500 shares of \$100 each; \$50,000 of said authorized capital stock is to be paid in at the organization meeting of the company, in real and personal property. Remaining stock to be issued and sold from time to time by the board of directors, as the best interests of the company may require, but no capital stock shall be sold for less than par value.

A NEW FIRM.

Messrs. D. R. Cox and P. W. Stubbs, Jr., have purchased the business of the Tallahassee Drug Company. Mr. Cox has been a resident of the Capital City for a number of years. He is a thorough-going business man, and a perfect gentleman, with hundreds of friends. He first came to Tallahassee to accept a position with State Superintendent Sheats. Resigning that position, he went home, and was elected to the Legislature from Alachua county. At the expiration of his term of office Mr. Cox returned to Tallahassee to take charge of the Tallahassee Drug Company, which position he filled with entire satisfaction. Mr. Stubbs is a native of Macon, Ga. He has been here only a few months, but being a young man of excellent character and undoubted integrity, he has made many friends, who wish him success in his new undertaking. The style of the firm will be Cox & Stubbs. See their announcement in another column.

PURIFY THE BLOOD

By taking the old reliable Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.); cures ulcers, scrofula, eczema, pimples, itching skin, aching bones, boils, carbuncles. If you are run down take B. B. B. It will give life, vigor and strength to the blood. B. B. B. makes the blood pure and rich. Druggists, \$1. Trial treatment free, by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga.

THE WHOLE STATE NOW IN MOURNING

Venerable Secretary of State, John L. Crawford, Passed Away at 7 O'clock this Morning.

HAD BEEN A FAITHFUL OFFICIAL

Was True to His Convictions, and Never Deserted
a Friend—Short Biographical Sketch.

The people of the entire State will be grieved to learn of the serious illness of the venerable Secretary of State, Dr. John L. Crawford.

For several months Mr. Crawford has been in feeble health, but was getting along as well as could be expected. About a year ago he sustained a fall, which dislocated his left ankle. For a time this rendered him almost helpless, but the injury finally healed, and he was able to be at his office in the capitol. One week before Christmas the doctor received another fall, straining a tendon in his left hip. Since that time he has been confined to his home.

Mr. Crawford is in his 86th year, and on account of his advanced age, fears were entertained that he would never fully recover. He has all along been as lively and hopeful as circumstances would permit, although a close observer could see that he was daily growing more feeble, and that it will be only the matter of a short time until the old gentleman shall pass away.

Saturday night the doctor took a turn for the worse. Between 10 and 11 o'clock he became unconscious, remaining in the same comatose condition ever since, but gradually sinking. He has been receiving the best attention at the home of his son, H. C. Crawford, but there is the hush of death about the place, as the grim monster hovers threateningly over the couch of the venerable sufferer.

During Dr. Crawford's residence in Tallahassee he has endeared himself to the entire people, and it was with regret that they learned of his serious illness.

HE PASSES AWAY.

Since losing consciousness last Saturday night he has been gradually sinking. The end came this morning at 7 o'clock, when he passed quietly and peacefully away, to meet his faithful wife, who had preceded him only a few months. He was surrounded by loving children and grandchildren, who had done everything in their power to make his last days happy and comfortable. Three children survive him, as follows: C. Y. Crawford, of Arcadia; Mrs. J. W. Adams, of Crawfordville, and Hon. H. C. Crawford, of this city.

As The Tallahasseean goes to press the funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Dr. John L. Crawford was one of the most popular men in the State. A man whose morals were incorruptible, and who, by his kind disposition made friends of everybody with whom he came in contact. He was born in Green county, Ga., on April 17, 1816, being, therefore, in his 86th year.

When only ten years of age his parents moved to Newton county, where the youngster entered a manual training school. Later they resided in Oxford and Covington, where the subject of this sketch acquired a liberal education. Having a leaning toward the medical profession, he attended the medical college at Augusta. He devoted himself to his studies with an ardor that has since been characteristic of the man, graduating with high honors in 1844, and receiving the degree of M. D.

After receiving his diploma, the

young disciple of Esculapius left his native State for the Land of Flowers, settling at Newport, in Wakulla county, a few months before the State was admitted into the Union, in 1845. In 1847 he was elected to the general assembly, and later to the Senate. In these capacities he served his State with great distinction for eighteen years, all told. During his terms in the State Senate and House of Representatives Dr. Crawford gained an enviable reputation as a man of sound judgment and great acumen.

In 1848 Mr. Crawford married Miss Elizabeth E. Walker, by whom he had five children. She was a very popular and accomplished young lady, whose parents were highly respected citizens of Florida. She possessed many beautiful and rare traits of character. They later moved to Bainbridge, Ga., to educate their children, as the schools of Florida were very inferior as well as few and far between. They resided in Bainbridge for ten years, still retaining their interests in Florida, spending a portion of the time on his plantations in Wakulla county.

"During the time just before the civil war the doctor strongly opposed secession. When actual hostilities began he declined to espouse the cause of the Confederacy. His well known honesty of purpose and purity of character won the confidence of his neighbors, however, and he remained unmolested.

While on the floor of the State Senate in 1881, making a speech, he was interrupted by a messenger entering the chamber. The presiding officer received the message, and after glancing it over, advanced to where Dr. Crawford was standing and read it out. It was a brief message from Governor Bloxham, appointing the Senator from Wakulla county as Secretary of State. The honor was unsolicited and unexpected, and therefore a great surprise. The recipient was so overcome with emotion that he collapsed completely. Dr. Crawford had, the day previously, presented a petition to Governor Bloxham, asking the appointment of another man.

Governor Perry, who succeeded Governor Bloxham in the gubernatorial chair, reappointed Mr. Crawford as Secretary of State in 1885. The new constitution of that year changed cabinet positions from appointive to elective. So thoroughly satisfied were the people with Governor Bloxham's appointment that they elected his Secretary of State in 1888, 1892, 1896 and 1900, each time without opposition. It will thus be seen that Dr. Crawford served in this capacity for a term of twenty-one years consecutively, which, with the eighteen years as Senator and Representative, gives a total of thirty-nine years as a faithful public servant. He was also county superintendent of schools for Wakulla county for eight or ten years, and infused the same enthusiasm into this work that entered into everything he undertook.

IN MEMORIAM.

"He took them up in His arms, but His hands upon them and blessed them." And can we doubt that the Savior loves little children as of old,

or doubt that the soul of Johnnie Henderson will receive a welcome to the heavenly habitations, though he leaves a loving home to its sorrow? It was a short life of barely three years; but love is not measured by time, and the companionship, brief as it was, will be sorely missed. A deep shadow has fallen upon earth's path, but it is only of earth, and its darkness is lost to eyes raised to the bright way over which the little feet have passed. Grief there will be, for hearts are loving, and faith is sometimes weak; but "it is well with the child" and God would have all who love him follow whither he has gone.

As tired children fall peacefully to sleep
When nestled close upon a mother's breast,
So, held within a Savior's loving arms,
They sleep, to waken to eternal rest.

MOST POPULAR YOUNG LADY.

Contest is Becoming Interesting—More Candidates in the Race.

The contest for the most popular young lady in Tallahassee is becoming interesting, and quite a number of ballots have been received during the past week. Several new names have also been added to the race, which will add to the interest.

The Capital City is noted far and wide for her beautiful and captivating young ladies. They are all not only popular, but charming, yet there is one more popular than all the rest. Who this may be is for you to decide. The ballot is running in The Tallahasseean. All you have to do is cut it out and vote for your choice. Don't wait until the last moment, as this may be too late. Besides, the more votes your favorite has the better opportunity she will have of winning. The people like to be on the winning side, and usually vote for the one in the lead. This is human nature, so you see it will be to the advantage of your favorite to send in your ballots at once.

In a short time The Tallahasseean will announce the close of the contest, and no ballots will be received later than the day before our regular issue comes out. In other words, the paper is published on Friday, and no coupons will be received later than Thursday. It will thus be the part of wisdom for you to vote as early and as often as possible.

When the count is made the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will, in addition to being presented with a handsome gold watch, have her picture published in The Tallahasseean. The watch is now on exhibition in Sweeting's show window, on Monroe street.

The voting contest for the most popular young lady in Tallahassee up to this morning stands as follows:

Miss Fannie Shutan.....	40
Miss Pearl McCord.....	40
Miss Gussie Chittenden.....	33
Miss Wee Wee Wilson.....	25
Miss Octavia Lavender.....	14
Miss Florence Lewis.....	13
Miss Mamie Andrews.....	8
Miss Blanche Bradley.....	7
Miss Gertrude Chittenden.....	4
Miss Bertha B. Bradley.....	4
Miss Blanche Parret.....	1
Miss Bessie Saxon.....	1
Miss Clifford Carroll.....	1

Better send in your coupons and let them be counted.

THOUSANDS SENT INTO EXILE.

Every year a large number of poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to another climate. But this is costly and not always sure. Don't be an exile when Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will cure you at home. It's the most infallible medicine for Coughs, Colds and all Throat and Lung diseases on earth. The first dose brings relief. Astounding cures result from persistent use. Price 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles at all drug stores.

MAPS OF ATLANTIC SEABOARD.

Among the new maps and reprints of old maps which the U. S. Geological Survey has recently issued are the following of section along the Atlantic seaboard: The Piney Point Sheet, showing the shores of the lower Potomac river in the vicinity of Piney Point, Maryland; the Appomattox Sheet of the section of Virginia in the vicinity of that town, exhibiting the relief of the country and showing the location of the grave of Patrick Henry; the Lynchburg Sheet of the section in the vicinity of Lynchburg, Va.; the Lynchburg and Appomattox Sheets, being reprints of older maps; the Asheville Sheet, showing the mountain country in the western part of North Carolina as far as the Tennessee border; and the Marietta Sheet or Quadrangle of the country including, and to the southwest of, Marietta, Ga. In all of these maps the topography is indicated in great detail by the use of contour lines, and all towns, roads, streams and other features are clearly shown.

WRITE THIS DOWN

In the book or memory: There is no such thing as a harmless cough. Every cough is a warning of a confidence that goes from bad to worse unless it is remedied right away. Opium-laden medicine is a delusion. Allen's Lung Balm cures the worst of colds. It clears the bronchial passages, so that the lungs get plenty of air. Why not get a bottle today?

Among the recent arrivals in Tallahassee from Apalachicola may be mentioned A. F. Stratton and wife, and Messrs. C. F. Buffum, E. B. Morris and S. Warren. They registered at the Leon.

THE STATE COLLEGE

Preparing for Regular Commencement Debate

SOCIETIES ARE HUSTLING

Students Dread the Examinations Next Week.

The Florida State College is still increasing in membership, new students coming in every week. The past week four new arrivals recorded their names. At present there are 165 scholars in attendance.

Most of the pupils have a dread for next week—the examinations begin, and those who have been lax in their studies fear the consequences more than those who have worked hard to prepare for the occasion. The ordeal will be very trying to many.

Next week will witness the closing of the first half of the school year. This leaves four more months of hard work for students and faculty.

The Olympian Athletic Club is one of the most progressive organizations at the college, and has a larger membership, with more pretty girls and ugly boys. Prof. Williams, the president of the club, is a trained athlete. His talks are both instructive and entertaining. Prof. Long, conductor of field sports, is also a fine athlete, and works hard to instill a spirit of enthusiastic rivalry into the members, as well as to advance the interests of the club in general. They are now organizing baseball and football teams. The boys take great interest in boxing, tennis and croquet, and will soon put in another tennis court.

The Students' Christian Association now holds weekly meetings in the reception room of the girls' hall, instead of in the chapel, as formerly. Mr. F. A. Hathaway, the president, is striving to make the meetings both pleasant and profitable to the members. A subject is selected and a leader appointed at each meeting for the next. After the meeting is opened by the leader, with a paper, the members respond with quotations from the Bible, or other sources, on the subject. Miss L. E. Maxwell conducted the meeting last Sunday, acquitting herself in a highly creditable manner.

The Anaxagoreans are still holding interesting meetings, and on the last occasion some very interesting matters were discussed. As next Friday night is the anniversary of the society, the members have decided to give a banquet, at which all the luxuries of the season will be spread. The anniversary commencement debate will be one of the best ever given by the society. The debaters have already been suggested, and will be appointed at the debate has been postponed, but the next regular meeting, when new officers will also be elected.

The subject for the next debate is, "Resolved, That Admiral Schley is the greatest naval hero of the day." The orators who will discuss this important question are: Affirmative—Samuel Sanborn, Guyte McCord, Burton Belcher, and Joseph Ferrel. Negative—David Cook, Walter Williams, Clarence Shine and ——. These are all good independent debaters, and are competent to do full justice to the subject, and some of them will be on the commencement debate.

"Rack-e-ty cax, co-ax, co-ax,
"Rack-e-ty cax, co-ax, co-ax,
We are the stuff, yes we are,
Anaxagoreans! Rah! Rah! Rah!"

HE KEPT HIS LEG.

Twelve years ago J. W. Sullivan, of Hartford, Conn., scratched his leg with a rusty wire. Inflammation and blood poisoning set in. For two years he suffered intensely. Then the best doctors urged amputation, but, "he writes, 'I used one bottle of Electric Bitters and 1½ boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and my leg was sound and well as ever.'" For Eruptions, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Sores and all blood disorders Electric Bitters has no rival on earth. Try them. All druggists will guarantee satisfaction or refund money. Only 50c cents.

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS.
Governor Jennings has made the following appointments during the past week, and commissions have been forwarded by Secretary of State Crawford:

Notaries Public for the State at Large—S. S. Sanford, Mayo; John W. Harris, Bell, Alachua county; Robert I. Boone, Marianna; Owen Griffin, Butler; J. H. Thompson, Jacksonville; J. E. West, Valle; J. E. Mester, Caryville; J. T. Bowen, Duncan; D. R. Zetrouser, Central; C. W. Johnson, Largo.

John R. Wetherell, of LeLand, to be supervisor of registration of Volusia county.

J. Warren Scott, of Jacksonville, to be timber and lumber inspector for Duval county.

DON'T LET THEM SUFFER.

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